

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The following letter was sent to President Bush today by the entire Massachusetts

October 21, 2005

Dear Mr. President:

We're writing to express our appreciation for your decision to make federal public assistance available

You have the authority to make federal disaster assistance available before preliminary disaster assess

Some families have now been out of their homes in Western Massachusetts for nearly two weeks. The

Our regional FEMA office is over-extended. Today, there are only six FEMA assessment members in

For these reasons, we urge you to act immediately to declare a major disaster for these flood-affected

Respectfully,

Senator Edward M. Kennedy

Senator John F. Kerry

Representative Edward Markey

Representative Barney Frank

Representative Richard Neal

Representative John Olver

Representative Martin Meehan

Representative William Delahunt

Representative James McGovern

Representative John Tierney

Representative Michael Capuano

Representative Stephen Lynch

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